

12th Juror Is Chosen For Clay Shaw Trial

By John P. MacKenzie
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1—

After 11 days of screening more than 900 prospective jurors, the Clay Shaw conspiracy case received its 12th juror this afternoon.

Prosecution and defense, both out of peremptory challenges and thus stripped of any choice, announced that they were satisfied with Peter M. Tatum, a maintenance mechanic.

The 12 jurors, who will be sequestered in a nearby motel for perhaps the next two months, then sat and watched attempts to complete the panel with two alternates so that District Attorney Jim Garrison can open the trial next week.

Garrison, asserting he has "solved" the assassination of President Kennedy, has charged Shaw, 55-year-old retired businessman, with conspiring to commit the murder. The flamboyant prosecutor is expected to go as far as Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. will let him in trying to disprove the Warren Commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

The jury is made up of New Orleans natives and long-time residents. Unlike the many more affluent of this city who were called, they did not try to escape jury service by pleading financial hardship or pre-fixed opinions. Unlike many unskilled laborers who similarly pleaded financial hardships, these jurors will be reimbursed by their employers. (Orleans Parish does not pay its jurors.)

It was a body of men who, according to their answers under examination, never uttered a personal opinion about Garrison no matter how often they might have heard him praised as a crusader against a Federal conspiracy "coverup," or denounced as a charlatan who is abusing the legal process.

And to hear them tell it, it

was a group that never formed or expressed any views about Shaw, though others might have told them he was a guilty conspirator or a hapless victim of Garrison's political ambition.

It was a cross-sectional group except for its uniquely objective frame of mind, if their answers to questions by counsel were believed.

For both sides Counsel seemed to believe only that this was a group willing to serve; lawyers know it is self-defeating to accept anything

but a volunteer. Each side apparently hoped that it would be the beneficiary of any juror bias. Moreover, in Louisiana, votes of at least nine of the 12 jurors are needed to convict or acquit. Anything less than nine results in a hung jury.

This is the jury:

- Irvin Mason, 50, machine operator for the Shreveport Sulphur Co. and one of the panel's three Negroes. His only expressed opinion is that the President's autopsy X-rays, pictures and reports, locked in the National Archives at the insistence of the Kennedy family, "should be made public."

- Oliver M. Schultz, 39, truck driver for the city's electric utility, who has no opinion about anything connected with the case, including whether Oswald shot the President. The father of four children, aged 8 to 19, he replied, "not necessarily" when a prosecutor suggested he wanted to serve.

- William Ricks Jr., 26, a Negro high school civics teacher and one of the jury's two college graduates. He is unmarried, has a small beard and calls himself "an agnostic" about Shaw's guilt or innocence, though he has followed the case closely.

- Charles D. Ordes, 39, a trim father of three with a trim mustache who, if not locked up with the jury, would

be supervising 32 employees on a night assembly shift at the American Can Co.

- Herbert J. Kenison, 28, thin and sharp-featured, who lives with his wife and 14-month-old son at the home of his parents. He allows that he has heard his parents discuss the case but never the guilt or innocence of Clay Shaw.

- J. Gary O'Quinn, 30, college graduate, a petroleum engineer for Chevron Oil Co., whose most distinguishing feature is the flaming red cardigan he wears every day. A hunter and gun hobbyist, he has "questions" about the Warren Commission's reconstruction of the rifle fire in Dallas but "an open mind" otherwise. He is married and has a 6-year-old daughter.

- Larry Morgan, 24, an aircraft mechanic with a year of college and a 5-year-old son. Born and raised here, he thinks he remembers Perry Russo, Garrison's star witness by virtue of testimony to an alleged conspiratorial conversation, playing handball in his neighborhood as a kid. Apparently unfazed by his captive status, he constantly smiles and jokes with the sheriff's

deputies who guard the jury in court and at the motel.

- Sidney J. Hebert Jr., 55, who retired two years ago as a fire captain and now is an inspector for the New Orleans Housing Authority. He gave short, snappy answers, and like most of the other jurors accepted by both sides, he volunteered no information.

- Harold Baynum, 24, chubby unit manager for a finance company, who has a working wife and no children. He saw "Rush to Judgment," the movie based on the Mark Lane attack on the Warren report, but passed muster with the defense by insisting he found it "interesting" but not opinion-forming.

- Warren E. Humphrey, 52, Negro air mail expeditor and a man who easily breaks into a friendly smile. He hears a lot of talk about the assassination around the Post Office, but rarely joins in. Father of two children, he has been a postal worker 20 years, and his wife has worked that long for the Welfare Department.

- David I. Powel, 28, single, a paunchy bill collector who lives at home with his mother and grandmother. "The only

opinion I have," he told counsel, "is that I don't have one."

• Finally, after excusing 111 jurors for cause today, Peter M. Tatum was selected. He is a maintenance mechanic for Kaiser Aluminum, has a working wife and 19-year-old daughter. He sees lots of television, and reads newspaper stories about the case but says, "I don't believe half of what I read."

Connallys Willing To Testify in Trial

Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 1—Former Texas Gov. John B. Connally and Mrs. Connally have indicated they will not formally oppose District Attorney Jim Garrison's request to subpoena them as witnesses in the Clay Shaw trial.

Garrison's office has been advised through the District Attorney's office in Houston that the Connallys will consent to a court directive to testify, it was learned here today.

Connally, who was seriously wounded in the Dallas motorcade in which President Kennedy was assassinated, has announced no change in his basic position on testifying. He said Wednesday that he has told his full story to the Warren Commission and does not see how he can add to the known facts.